Allotment of Time-slots for T.V. Programmes

1976. SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SAMBHAJIRAO SHINDE:

SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Governments attention has been drawn to the report captioned "TV show on the road" published in the Hindu of July, 1993; and

(b) if so, what steps have been taken to ensure fairness in the matter of selection/ allotment of time slots for TV programmes for the metro-channel and to prevent such malpractices as are reportedly cropping up in the process?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI K. P. SINGH DEO): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The allotment of time slots on the satellite channels of Doordarshan on first come first served basis is considered to be appropriate. The matter is presently subjudice.

Persons with Knowledge of Urdu in DAVP

1977. SHRI MOHAMMED AFZAL alias MEEM AFZAL: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of persons working in DAVP New Delhi as on 30th May, 1993 who have the knowledge of Urdu; and

(b) the number of posts lying vacant requiring persons having the knowledge of Urdu as on the above date?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI K. P. SINGH DEO): (a) Such data is not maintained in DAVP

(b) Two posts requiring knowledge of Urdu were lying vacant as on 30-5-93.

Doordarshan News on Nehru

1978. SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the news item appearing in Hindustan Times, New Delhi dated the 29th May, 1993, under the caption "Doordarshan plays down Nehru news";

(b) if so, what is the reaction of Government thereto; and

(c) what action Government have taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI K. P. SINGH DEO): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The event was covered adequately by Doordarshan.

(c) Does not arise.

Title Clearance of Newspapers

1979. SHRI MOHAMMED AFZAL alias MEEM AFZAL: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of applications received by the Registrar of Newspapers during the period from 1-1-92 to 31-3-93 for title clearance of new newspapers;

(b) the number of titles cleared during the said period; and

(c) the number of applications for title clearance pending as on the 1st April, 1993?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI K. P. SINGH DEO): (a) to (c) During the period from 1-1-92 to 31-3-93, Registrar of Newspapers for India received 19,881 applications for clearance of titles. Out of these, 10,007 titles were verified during this period, titles given in 9777 applications were not available and 97 applications were pending for verifications as on 1-4-93.